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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – NOVEMBER 2013 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.51 billion pounds in October, down 2 percent from the 4.58 billion pounds produced in October 2012.

**Beef production**, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 1 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, down 2 percent from October 2012. The average live weight was up 9 pounds from the previous year, at 1,327 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 10.0 million pounds, 4 percent below October a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 69,500 head, down 5 percent from October 2012. The average live weight was up 3 pounds from last year, at 245 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 2.17 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.42 million head, down 4 percent from October 2012. The average live weight was up 4 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 8 percent from October 2012. Sheep slaughter totaled 208,100 head, slightly above last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 11 pounds from October a year ago.

**January to October 2013 commercial red meat production** was 40.9 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2012. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was down 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down slightly.

For a full copy of the November 2013 *Livestock Slaughter* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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